

SEMINAR INFORMATION SHEET

FAMILIES IN TRANSITION

Divorce, separation and rearing children born out of wedlock are very stressful experiences. This education program focuses on the needs of your children. **YOUR ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED BY ORDER** of the Superior Courts of Warrick County. The seminars are co-facilitated by qualified professional Extension Educators from the Warrick County Extension and the Warrick County Courts.

WHAT IS IT: The goal for the program is to teach parents how to help their children cope with family reorganization and basic parenting skills. It is intended to be a practical workshop for parents. Parents are encouraged to participate in discussion and to share ideas with one another, under guidance of trained facilitators. The program consists of short lectures, experiential exercises, and group discussions.

ATTENDANCE: Parents with one or more unemancipated children under the age of 18 years must attend.

TIME: Sessions begin on time. No one will be allowed in late. The schedule may change for legal holidays. The first class will be held on Monday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The second class will be held on a Monday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The parenting class (for paternity cases only) will be held on Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The dates will be assigned upon registration.

LOCATION: All courses will be held at the Warrick Judicial Center, Boonville, Indiana.

CHILD CARE: Child care is NOT provided. **DO NOT BRING CHILDREN TO THE PROGRAM.**

REGISTRATION: Registration is required of both parents within 15 calendar days of notice of the filing of the dissolution of marriage or separation OR within 15 calendar days of the date paternity is established. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ASSURE YOUR PLACE.** Call: Warrick County Office, Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service at: (812) 897-6101 and ask for "Families In Transition"

Plan to attend the seminar which you have selected as your first choice. NO further notification will be given, unless a conflict arises. After attending the seminar, you will receive a certificate and your attendance will be reported to the court.

COST & PAYMENT: The cost is \$30.00 **per parent**, payable immediately prior to the start of the first class at the Warrick County Clerk's Office, Room 200 of the Warrick Judicial Center. You may pay in cash, money order, certified or cashier's check. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS.** Your payments should be made to: "Warrick County Clerk." **YOU MUST PRESENT YOUR RECEIPT FOR PAYMENT AT THE FIRST CLASS SESSION.**

The fee may be waived for qualifying persons, under guidelines approved by the Court. The Agency must be notified of your need before you attend class. Waiver of the fee requires documentation of income.

QUESTIONS: Call (812) 897-6101 and ask for "Families In Transition."

NOTE: Due to the emotional involvement in most divorce cases, it is recommended that parents do not attend the program together. If a restraining or protective order has been issued, the parents WILL NOT be allowed to attend together.

STANDING ORDER TO ATTEND SEMINAR

The Judges of the Warrick Superior Court No. 1 and No. 2 find that changes in the marital relationship of parents and the rearing of children born out of wedlock are often stressful episodes, especially for dependent children. It is in the best interest of the children of divorcing or separating parents and children born out of wedlock for the court to encourage appropriate cooperation between parents concerning child-related issues. A mandatory seminar for parents will: (A.) Aid the children of divorcing parents and parents of children born out of wedlock; (B.) Aid the parents in post-separation parenting and in rearing children where the parents have never been married; (C.) Aid the Court in maximizing the use of the Court’s time; (D.) Aid in reducing or eliminating instances of maltreatment of children; (E.) Increase positive parenting practices; (F.) Create an environment that facilitates the development of caring, competent, and healthy children; (G.) Focus parents on their perspective parental roles, the child’s health and behavior, responsible decision-making, and co-parenting relationships; and (H.) Encourage agreements between the parents concerning child related matters.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Judges of the Warrick Superior Court No. 1 and No. 2 as follows:

1. In all actions for Dissolution of Marriage or Separation filed after JUNE 1, 2002, in which there is one or more unemancipated children, both parents shall attend the Seminar entitled “Families In Transition.” In all paternity actions, where paternity is established after JUNE 1, 2002, both parents shall attend the Seminar entitled “Families In Transition.”
2. The course must be completed prior to the Final Hearing in Dissolution of Marriage actions and within ninety (90) calendar days after the date paternity is established in paternity actions.
3. The Seminar will be presented by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, Warrick County Office at the Warrick Judicial Center, Boonville, Indiana.
4. The parents shall be responsible for payment of the cost of this program, which is \$30.00 per person, prior to the beginning of the class. The fee may be waived for indigents if the Cooperative Extension Office is notified of need in advance of attending class. Waiver of the fee requires documentation of gross and net income.
5. Both parents are ordered to contact, within fifteen (15) days of their notice of this order, to make an appointment to attend the Seminar without further notice:

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Call: (812) 897-6101
Ask for “Families In Transition”
6. Failure to complete the Seminar will result in that party having to show cause why he/she should not be held in Contempt of Court.

The Sheriff/Clerk of Warrick County is ORDERED to make due service of this Standing Order to Attend Seminar and Seminar Information Sheet on both parents when any Petition for Dissolution or Separation or Petition to Establish Paternity is filed and make due return thereon.